

way Commission' and 'Commission'; providing for the issuance of certificates of convenience and necessity to motor bus companies, and prescribing the conditions upon which such certificate may be issued; requiring the Railroad Commission of Texas to supervise and regulate the public service rendered by every motor bus company; to fix or approve maximum and minimum fares, rates or charges; to prescribe all rules and regulations necessary for the government of motor bus companies, etc.,."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 169, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, Subdivision 23, page 96, of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent fraud, misrepresentation or unfair practices in the sale of merchandise or other property by means of a plan commonly known as the 'endless chain', imposing an occupation tax, fixing penalty, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 13, Instructing acceptance of the Purnell Fund,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

(Friday, February 4, 1927.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Acker.	King of Hopkins.
Alexander.	King of
Barnett.	Throckmorton.
Barron.	Kirkland.
Bass.	Land.
Beck.	Lipscomb.
Bird.	Loftin.
Black.	Long.
Boggs.	Loy.
Boon.	Masterson.
Brown.	McCombs.
Cornwell.	McGill.
Cox.	McKean.
Cummings.	Merritt.
Daniel.	Minor.
Davis.	Montgomery.
DeBerry.	Morse.
Denman.	Moursund.
Dunlap.	Murphy.
Durham.	Nabors.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Eickenroht.	Olsen.
Enderby.	Parish of Runnels.
Farrar.	Parrish of Travis.
Faulk.	Pavlica.
Finlay.	Petsch.
Fly.	Poage.
Forbes.	Pool.
Foster.	Pope.
Fuchs.	Porter.
Gates.	Purl.
Gibson.	Ramsey.
Gilbert.	Rawlins.
Graves.	Renfro
Gray.	of Angelina.
Hagaman.	Renfro of Mills.
Hall.	Rogers of Hays.
Harding.	Rogers of Shelby.
Harman.	Rowell.
Hefley.	Runge.
High.	Sanders.
Holder.	Satterwhite.
Holland.	Shaver.
Hornaday.	Shearer.
Jacks.	Sheats.
Jones.	Shirley.
Justice.	Simmons.
Kemble.	Sinks.
Kennedy.	Smith of El Paso.
Kincaid.	Smith of Nueces.

Smith of Smith.	Wallace
Smyth.	of Freestone.
Snelgrove.	Wallace of Panola.
Stell.	Wallace of Smith.
Stevenson.	Ware.
Storey.	Wassell.
Stout.	Webb.
Sutton.	Wells.
Swain.	Whitaker.
Taylor.	Williams
Teer.	of Sabine.
Turner.	Williams
Van Zandt.	of Travis.
Veatch.	Williamson.
Waddell.	Woodall.
Walker.	Woodruff.
	Young.

Absent.

Dale.	Moore.
Dielmann.	Smith
Kayton.	of Atascosa.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Anderson for today, on motion of Mr. Shearer.

Mr. Kenyon for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Shearer.

Mr. Johnson for today, on motion of Mr. Daniel.

Mr. Conway for today, on motion of Mr. Barnett.

Mr. Pearce for today, on motion of Mr. Black.

Mr. Bateman for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Parish of Runnels.

Mr. Reagan for today, on motion of Mr. Smith of Smith.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Tillotson for today, on motion of Mr. Lipscomb.

Mr. Avis for today, on motion of Mr. Fly.

Mr. Albritton for today, on motion of Mr. Hagaman.

Mr. Kinnear for today, on motion of Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Branch for today, on motion of Mr. Kirkland.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Ramsey:

H. B. No. 434, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 110, of the local and special laws enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its Regular Session in 1917, same being a special road law for Jasper county, by adding thereto Section 8a, authorizing the commissioners court of Jasper county to issue bonds of said county for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes and to levy a tax in payment thereof, and providing that if the validity of the indebtedness to be funded by such bonds is not questioned in any suit or proceeding within sixty days from the adoption of the order of the commissioners court authorizing the issuance of such bonds, then such indebtedness shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Shirley:

H. B. No. 435, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1408 of the Penal Code of Texas for 1925, so as to provide that the punishment for robbery with firearms or other deadly weapons shall be death, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 104, to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 126, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES
ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Moursund, the committee substitute to House bill No.

210 was ordered printed instead of the original bill.

On motion of Mr. Kemble, the committee substitute to House bill No. 370 was ordered printed instead of the original bill.

INVITATION FROM THE CITIZENS OF LAREDO.

Mr. Montgomery offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Hon. Albert Matin, the Mayor of the city of Laredo, Mr. M. W. Brennan, the Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Laredo, Mr. Matias de Llano, President of the Washington Birthday Celebration Association of Laredo, and Mr. J. E. Hanway, editor and publisher of the Laredo Daily Times, are within the bar of the House and desire to deliver a message to this House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That they be invited to the Speaker's stand for the purpose of delivering their message.

Signed—Montgomery, Teer, Petsch, Pool.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort the visitors to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Montgomery, Teer, Petsch, McCombs and Satterwhite.

The committee having performed their duty, Speaker Bobbitt introduced Hon. Albert Matin, who addressed the House and extended to the members of the House an invitation to attend the George Washington Birthday celebration in Laredo.

Speaker Bobbitt then introduced Hon. M. W. Brennan, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce of Laredo, who addressed the House and extended the members of the House an invitation to visit Laredo on that occasion.

Speaker Bobbitt then introduced Hon. Matias de Llano, President of the George Washington Birthday Celebration Association, who also addressed the House and extended an invitation to the members to visit Laredo.

On motion of Mr. Barron, the House accepted the invitation.

Mr. Holland moved to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the invitation and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE BRIBERY CHARGES.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A committee from the House has been appointed to make investigation with reference to certain charges of bribery; and

Whereas, Said committee expects to complete its organization and be ready to begin its investigation this afternoon; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Hall of the House of Representatives be tendered to the committee this afternoon and tomorrow, so that the hearing may be open for all the members of the House and the public to hear such testimony as may be presented to the committee.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Cummings, Senate bills Nos. 89, 90, 92, 93 and 94 were ordered not printed.

RELATING TO HOUSE BILL NO. 364.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Smith, by unanimous consent, the House rescinded the action by which on yesterday House bill No. 364 was withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

(Mr. Satterwhite in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 300 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring uniform fire hose couplings and fire hydrant hose outlets in all cities and towns having public fire protection; setting forth specifications for uniform couplings and outlets; providing for carrying on the work of making all couplings and outlets uniform; making appropriation for salaries, traveling expenses necessary for placing in effect the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

PROVIDING FOR A TAX SURVEY COMMITTEE.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time,

S. C. R. No. 5, Providing for a Tax Survey Committee.

Whereas, The tax laws of Texas are a mass of indiscriminate enactments passed at various times and based on the then existing conditions and by reason of the exigencies at the time, and same constitute a mass of patch work and were not the result of a discriminating study of the conditions or industries of Texas or of the comparative revenue returns of the same, and do not take into consideration the changes and development of subsequent years; and

Whereas, There is a very general feeling that, as applied to present conditions, there exist many discriminations in the tax burdens as borne by the citizens and industries of the State, and a very general demand for the equalization of taxes in order that a reality be made of that provision in our Constitution that "taxes shall be equal and uniform"; and

Whereas, Owing to the great importance and magnitude of this subject it is impractical and impossible, at a session of the Legislature, by reason of the shortness of same and the necessity of considering so many other matters of legislation, and the lack of accurate information upon which to base a fair and impartial recommendation, to work out comprehensive and fair legislation, to the end that tax burdens be equalized; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of fifteen persons, to be known as the Tax Survey Committee, be created, and the duties thereof be provided as follows, to-wit:

The President of the Senate shall appoint as members of this committee three (3) members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint as members of this committee four (4) members of the House; and the Governor of Texas, as members of this committee, shall appoint eight public spirited and capable persons who are private citizens of Texas, at least one of the persons to be appointed by the Governor to be a man who has made a special study of government and taxation and be well versed in the principles of taxation; and the remaining members to be appointed by the Governor to be selected from different vocations and from different sections of the State.

The said Tax Survey Committee shall meet within ten days from the time its membership is completed, at a time

and place to be designated by the Governor, and shall organize, by electing one of its members chairman and another secretary, and such other officers as it may deem necessary.

The committee shall adopt such rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Said committee shall be provided with a committee room in the Capitol in Austin and its sessions shall be open to the public, except at such times as the committee may, by a majority vote, determine to hold executive session.

Said committee shall begin its work following the adjournment of the Regular Session of the Fortieth Legislature unless a Special Session of said Legislature shall be called within ten days after the adjournment of said Regular Session, in which event it shall begin its investigation following the adjournment of said Special Session. Said committee shall continue its sessions of said investigations as may be determined by a majority vote of said committee, and until its work has been completed; however, it shall conclude its investigations and make its report to the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature or to some Special Session of the Fortieth Legislature called by the Governor for the purpose of receiving and considering report of said committee.

The committee herein provided shall have free access to all books and records in the several departments of the State government and of any other political subdivision of the State.

Said committee shall have power to subpoena witnesses before it at any time or place it shall decide and furnish to it such information as such witnesses have, and to issue subpoena for records, books, papers and other documents, and to swear said witnesses; to reduce testimony to writing or typewriting; and to pay said witnesses the fees paid them in criminal cases in the district court.

Said committee shall also have the power to require from all persons, firms and corporations in this State, such information as it may desire with reference to the properties and tax burdens being borne by same.

Said committee shall have the power to issue such process as necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses or production of books, records or other information as may be desired by it in the proper discharge of its duties.

The committee shall make a careful study of the subject of revenue and taxa-

tion with special reference to the problems presented in Texas and the comparative burdens borne, and shall investigate and study the systems of raising revenue and administering same in other States. Said committee shall secure information as to Texas and as to such other States desired by it as to the taxable values of said States, the aggregate income of individuals and corporations within each of the same, the systems of taxation in same, the method of financing the educational and eleemosynary institutions and departments of government, and other information relative to the wealth and resources of each of said States and the methods employed for securing revenue for the maintenance of such institutions and the pro rata and comparative cost of educational and eleemosynary institutions, and other departments of government.

Said committee shall secure information as to Texas and as to such other States as it may find desirable with reference to the amount of taxes now being paid by the various classes of property and industries of such States so as to be able to determine the comparative tax burden being borne in Texas and in other States by the various classes of property and industries therein.

Said committee shall have power and authority to employ and compensate all necessary experts, investigators, stenographers and other clerical help and it shall be the duty of said committee to make and keep a record of its investigations and of all funds expended by it and to whom paid, and the amounts thereof. It shall not be the duty, however, of said committee to keep a stenographic report of all information or investigations made by it, but it shall have the authority to keep such record as it may deem advisable.

The report of said committee, as herein provided, shall make such recommendations as to legislation, as may, in its judgment, be necessary to secure sufficient funds for a proper and economical administration of the departments of government, educational and eleemosynary institutions and as will, as nearly as possible, fairly and equitably and impartially distribute such burdens against its citizens and their property, and make a reality of the constitutional provision that "taxes shall be equal and uniform."

Members of said committee shall each receive as compensation the sum of \$10 per day for each day they actually serve,

together with railroad fare, hotel, telegraph, telephone, postage and express expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and it shall be authorized and empowered to purchase such stationery and other supplies as may be necessary for the discharge of their duties.

There is hereby appropriated from the contingent fund of the Fortieth Legislature, the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of defraying the compensation and expenses of the committee hereby created, including the publication of 2,000 copies of the committee report, and the distribution of same to the citizens of Texas.

Provided further, that all expenditures of such committee shall be made upon the sworn account of the persons entitled to such pay, when approved by the chairman and secretary of said committee. The secretary shall file with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts a statement showing in detail the expenditures made by such committee and the amounts, and to whom all payments were made.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Fly moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed until 2 o'clock p. m. next Tuesday.

Mr. Young moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Stevenson moved to table the pending motions.

Question first recurring on the motion to table the motion to postpone, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—59.

Alexander.	Jones.
Bass.	Kemble.
Beck.	Lipscomb.
Brown.	Long.
Cox.	Loy.
Daniel.	Masterson.
Duvall.	McCombs.
Eickenroht.	McGill.
Enderby.	McKean.
Faulk.	Montgomery.
Forbes.	Morse.
Foster.	Moursund.
Gates.	Nicholson.
Gilbert.	Poage.
Hagaman.	Pool.
Hall.	Porter.
Harding.	Purl.
Harman.	Ramsey.
Holland.	Rogers of Hays.

Rogers of Shelby.	Waddell.
Rowell.	Wallace
Runge.	of Freestone.
Sanders.	Wallace of Panola.
Shaver.	Webb.
Shearer.	Wells.
Sheats.	Whitaker.
Shirley.	Williams
Smith of Smith.	of Travis.
Stevenson.	Williamson.
Sutton.	Young.
Turner.	

Nays—45.

Barnett.	Loftin.
Bird.	Merritt.
Black.	Murphy.
Boggs.	Nabors.
Boon.	Olsen.
Cornwell.	Parish of Runnels.
Davis.	Renfro
DeBerry.	of Angelina.
Durham.	Renfro of Mills.
Farrar.	Simmons.
Finlay.	Smith of Nueces.
Fuchs.	Snelgrove.
Graves.	Stell.
Gray.	Storey.
Hefley.	Swain.
High.	Taylor.
Jacks.	Teer.
Justice.	Van Zandt.
Kennedy.	Walker.
Kincaid.	Ware.
King of	Wassell.
Throckmorton.	Woodall.
Kirkland.	Woodruff.
Land.	

Present—Not Voting.

Wallace of Smith.

Absent.

Acker.	Parrish of Travis.
Barron.	Pavlica.
Cummings.	Petsch.
Dale.	Pope.
Denman.	Rawlins.
Dielmann.	Satterwhite.
Dunlap.	Sinks.
Fly.	Smith of Atascosa.
Gibson.	Smith of El Paso.
Holder.	Smyth.
Hornaday.	Stout.
Kayton.	Veatch.
King of Hopkins.	Williams
Minor.	of Sabine.
Moore.	

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

Question then recurring on the motion to table the motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—63.

Alexander.	Parish of Runnels.
Beck.	Poage.
Brown.	Pool.
Cox.	Pope.
Cummings.	Porter.
Daniel.	Purl.
Davis.	Ramsey.
Duvall.	Rogers of Hays.
Eickenroht.	Rogers of Shelby.
Enderby.	Rowell.
Faulk.	Runge.
Forbes.	Sanders.
Foster.	Shaver.
Gates.	Shearer.
Gilbert.	Sheats.
Harding.	Simmons.
Harman.	Smith of Smith.
Hefley.	Stevenson.
Holland.	Sutton.
Jones.	Teer.
Kemble.	Turner.
Land.	Van Zandt.
Lipscomb.	Waddell.
Long.	Wallace
Masterson.	of Freestone.
McCombs.	Wallace of Panola.
McGill.	Wells.
McKean.	Whitaker.
Montgomery.	Williams
Morse.	of Travis.
Nicholson.	Williamson.
Olsen.	Young.

Nays—41.

Barnett.	Kirkland.
Bass.	Loy.
Bird.	Merritt.
Black.	Murphy.
Boggs.	Nabors.
Boon.	Pavlica.
Cornwell.	Renfro of Mills.
DeBerry.	Shirley.
Durham.	Smith of Nueces.
Farrar.	Snelgrove.
Finlay.	Stell.
Fuchs.	Storey.
Gray.	Swain.
Hagaman.	Taylor.
Hall.	Walker.
High.	Ware.
Jacks.	Wassell.
Justice.	Webb.
Kennedy.	Woodall.
Kincaid.	Woodruff.
King of	
Throckmorton.	

Absent.

Acker.	Moursund.
Barron.	Parrish of Travis.
Dale.	Petsch.
Denman.	Rawlins.
Dielmann.	Renfro
Dunlap.	of Angelina.
Fly.	Satterwhite.
Gibson.	Sinks.
Graves.	Smith of Atascosa.
Holder.	Smith of El Paso.
Hornaday.	Smyth.
Kayton.	Stout.
King of Hopkins.	Veatch.
Loftin.	Wallace of Smith.
Minor.	Williams
Moore.	of Sabine.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Kemble moved the previous question on the adoption of the resolution and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—70.

Barron.	Lipscomb.
Bass.	Long.
Beck.	Masterson.
Brown.	McCombs.
Cornwell.	McGill.
Cox.	McKean.
Cummings.	Montgomery.
Daniel.	Morse.
DeBerry.	Moursund.
Durham.	Nabors.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Faulk.	Parish of Runnels.
Forbes.	Petsch.
Foster.	Poage.
Gates.	Pool.
Hagaman.	Pope.
Hall.	Porter.
Harman.	Purl.
Hefley.	Ramsey.
Holder.	Rawlins.
Holland.	Rogers of Hays.
Hornaday.	Rogers of Shelby.
Jacks.	Rowell.
Jones.	Runge.
Kemble.	Sanders.
Kincaid.	Shaver.
Land.	Shearer.

Sheats.
Simmons.
Sinks.
Smith of Smith.
Stevenson.
Sutton.
Van Zandt.
Waddell.
Walker.

Wallace
of Freestone.
Wallace of Panola.
Wassell.
Wells.
Whitaker.
Williamson.
Young.

Nays—40.

Alexander.	Kirkland.
Barnett.	Loftin.
Black.	Merritt.
Boggs.	Murphy.
Boon.	Olsen.
Davis.	Pavlica.
Eickenroht.	Renfro
Enderby.	of Angelina.
Farrar.	Renfro of Mills.
Finlay.	Shirley.
Fly.	Smith of Nueces.
Fuchs.	Snelgrove.
Gibson.	Stell.
Gilbert.	Swain.
Graves.	Taylor.
Gray.	Turner.
High.	Veatch.
Justice.	Wallace of Smith.
Kennedy.	Ware.
King of	Woodall.
Throckmorton.	Woodruff.

Present—Not Voting.

Stout.

Absent.

Acker.	Parrish of Travis
Bird.	Satterwhite.
Dale.	Smith of Atascosa.
Denman.	Smith of El Paso.
Dielmann.	Smyth.
Dunlap.	Storey.
Harding.	Teer.
Kayton.	Webb.
King of Hopkins.	Williams
Loy.	of Sabine.
Minor.	Williams
Moore.	of Travis.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

Mr. Kemble moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

Question recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—70.

Barron.	Nicholson.
Bass.	Parish of Runnels.
Beck.	Petsch.
Boggs.	Poage.
Brown.	Pool.
Cox.	Pope.
Cummings.	Porter.
Daniel.	Purl.
DeBerry.	Ramsey.
Durham.	Rawlins.
Duvall.	Renfro of Mills.
Forbes.	Rogers of Hays.
Foster.	Rogers of Shelby.
Fuchs.	Rowell.
Gates.	Runge.
Hagaman.	Sanders.
Hall.	Shaver.
Hefley.	Shearer.
Holder.	Sheats.
Holland.	Shirley.
Hornaday.	Simmons.
Jones.	Sinks.
Kemble.	Smith of Smith.
Kennedy.	Stevenson.
King of	Sutton.
Throckmorton.	Waddell.
Lipscomb.	Wallace
Long.	of Freestone.
Masterson.	Wallace of Panola.
McCombs.	Wassell.
McGill.	Webb.
McKean.	Wells.
Montgomery.	Williams
Morse.	of Travis.
Moursund.	Williamson.
Nabors.	Young.

Nays—38.

Alexander.	Loy.
Barnett.	Merritt.
Black.	Murphy.
Cornwell.	Olsen.
Davis.	Pavlica.
Eickenroht.	Renfro
Enderby.	of Angelina.
Farrar.	Snelgrove.
Faulk.	Stell.
Finlay.	Swain.
Fly.	Taylor.
Gibson.	Turner.
Gilbert.	Van Zandt.
Graves.	Veatch.
Gray.	Walker.
High.	Ware.
Jacks.	Whitaker.
Kincaid.	Woodall.
Kirkland.	Woodruff.
Loffin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Boon.	Wallace of Smith.
Justice.	Stout.

Absent.

Acker.	Moore.
Bird.	Parrish of Travis.
Dale.	Satterwhite.
Denman.	Smith of Atascosa.
Dielmann.	Smith of El Paso.
Dunlap.	Smith of Nueces.
Harding.	Smyth.
Harman.	Storey.
Kayton.	Teer.
King of Hopkins.	Williams
Land.	of Sabine.
Minor.	

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

Reasons for Votes.

We voted against the resolution because proponents of the measure adopted what seemed to us unfair tactics in "railroading" the measure through this House. We do not approve the principle, but see no reason for refusal to further consider the merits.

WOODALL,
SWAIN.

I do not believe a resolution of such importance as Senate concurrent resolution No. 5 should be passed without the most careful consideration, and because I do not believe the House has had a sufficient opportunity to weigh the matter. I vote "nay."

GIBSON.

I vote "nay" for the following reasons:

1. Ten dollars per day with unlimited expenses.
2. Said committee is not required to keep a full stenographic report, but only that which they should deem proper.
3. I feel it would be a useless expenditure of the State's funds.

STELL.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.
Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has agreed to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 28 by vote of 29 yeas,

0 nays, and to Senate bill No. 17 by vote of 29 yeas, 0 nays.

Has passed

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to appointment and fixing the salaries of county auditors, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

MORRIS C. HANKINS,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 169 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Masterson (by unanimous consent), the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage

H. B. No. 169, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, subdivision 23, page 96 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Acker.	Holder.
Barnett.	Holland.
Barron.	Hornaday.
Bass.	Jacks.
Beck.	Jones.
Black.	Justice.
Boggs.	Kennedy.
Boon.	King of
Brown.	Throckmorton.
Cornwell.	Kirkland.
Cox.	Land.
Cummings.	Lipscomb.
Daniel.	Loftin.
Davis.	Long.
Dunlap.	Loy.
Durham.	Masterson.
Duvall.	McGill.
Eickenroht.	McKean.
Farrar.	Merritt.
Faulk.	Montgomery.
Finlay.	Moore.
Fly.	Moursund.
Forbes.	Nabors.
Foster.	Nicholson.
Fuchs.	Olsen.
Gates.	Parish of Runnels.
Gibson.	Parrish of Travis.
Gilbert.	Pavlica.
Graves.	Petsch.
Gray.	Pool.
Hall.	Pope.
Harman.	Porter.
Hefley.	Purl.

Ramsey.	Sutton.
Renfro	Swain.
of Angelina.	Taylor.
Renfro of Mills.	Turner.
Rogers of Hays.	Van Zandt.
Rogers of Shelby.	Veatch.
Rowell.	Waddell.
Sanders.	Walker.
Shaver.	Wallace
Shearer.	of Freestone.
Sheats.	Wallace of Panola.
Shirley.	Wallace of Smith.
Simmons.	Wassell.
Sinks.	Webb.
Smith of Nueces.	Williams
Snelgrove.	of Travis.
Stell.	Williamson.
Stevenson.	Woodall.
Storey.	Woodruff.
Stout.	Young.

Nays—3.

Ware.	Whitaker.
Wells.	

Present—Not Voting.

Alexander.	Kincaid.
DeBerry.	McCombs.
High.	Rawlins.
Kemble.	

Absent.

Bird.	Murphy.
Dale.	Poage.
Denman.	Runge.
Dielmann.	Satterwhite.
Enderby.	Smith of Atascosa.
Hagaman.	Smith of El Paso.
Harding.	Smith of Smith.
Kayton.	Smyth.
King of Hopkins.	Teer.
Minor.	Williams
Morse.	of Sabine.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 240 ON ENGROSSMENT.

Mr. Woodall moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of taking up for consideration at this time, House bill No. 240.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—95.

Alexander.	Beck.
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Black.	Parish of Runnels.
Boggs.	Parrish of Travis.
Boon.	Pavlica.
Brown.	Petsch.
Cornwell.	Pool.
Cox.	Pope.
Cummings.	Porter.
Daniel.	Purl.
Davis.	Ramsey.
DeBerry.	Rawlins.
Dunlap.	Renfro.
Durham.	of Angelina.
Eickenroht.	Renfro of Mills.
Farrar.	Rogers of Hays.
Faulk.	Rogers of Shelby.
Finlay.	Rowell.
Fly.	Runge.
Fuchs.	Sanders.
Gates.	Shaver.
Gibson.	Shearer.
Gilbert.	Sheats.
Graves.	Shirley.
Gray.	Simmons.
Hall.	Sinks.
Harding.	Smith of Nueces.
Hefley.	Smith of Smith.
Holland.	Stell.
Hornaday.	Stevenson.
Jacks.	Storey.
Jones.	Stout.
Justice.	Sutton.
Kennedy.	Swain.
King of	Taylor.
Throckmorton.	Turner.
Kirkland.	Van Zandt.
Land.	Waddell.
Lipscomb.	Walker.
Loftin.	Wallace.
Long.	of Freestone.
Masterson.	Wallace of Panola.
McGill.	Wallace of Smith.
McKean.	Ware.
Merritt.	Wassell.
Montgomery.	Webb.
Moore.	Williamson.
Morse.	Woodall.
Nabors.	Woodruff.
Nicholson.	Young.

Nays—8.

Bass.	McCombs.
Forbes.	Olsen.
Harman.	Veatch.
Kincaid.	Whitaker.

Absent.

Acker.	Hagaman.
Barnett.	High.
Barron.	Holder.
Bird.	Kayton.
Dale.	Kemble.
Denman.	King of Hopkins.
Dielmann.	Loy.
Duvall.	Minor.
Enderby.	Moursund.
Foster.	Murphy.

Poage.	Teer.
Satterwhite.	Wells.
Smith of Atascosa.	Williams
Smith of El Paso.	of Sabine.
Smyth.	Williams
Snelgrove.	of Travis.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing House bill No. 377, passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of Texas, creating the Lockney Independent School District in Floyd county, Texas, including therein the Lockney Independent School District as it then existed and the following common school districts in said county as they and each of them then existed: Irick No. 1, Pleasant Valley No. 2, Munsey No. 3, Aiken No. 7, Roseland No. 17, Prairie Chapel No. 25 and Ramsey No. 27; providing therein for a board of directors thereof; vesting the said independent district board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; fixing the term of office of such trustees; restoring to the several districts as consolidated in such bill the original status, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Gilbert offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 240 by striking out Section 2 thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 2. This act shall become effective on the 1st day of May, 1927."

And amend the caption to conform thereto.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 240 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 240 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Gilbert moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that House bill No. 240 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Mr. Speaker.	Moore.
Acker.	Morse.
Alexander.	Moursund.
Barron.	Nabors.
Bass.	Nicholson.
Beck.	Parish of Runnels.
Black.	Parrish of Travis.
Boggs.	Petsch.
Boon.	Pope.
Brown.	Porter.
Cornwell.	Ramsey.
Cox.	Rawlins.
Cummings.	Renfro
Daniel.	of Angelina.
Davis.	Rogers of Hays.
DeBerry.	Rogers of Shelby.
Dunlap.	Rowell.
Durham.	Runge.
Eickenroht.	Sanders.
Farrar.	Shaver.
Finlay.	Shearer.
Forbes.	Sheats.
Foster.	Shirley.
Fuchs.	Simmons.
Gates.	Sinks.
Gibson.	Smith of Nueces.
Gilbert.	Smith of Smith.
Graves.	Snelgrove.
Gray.	Stell.
Hall.	Stevenson.
Harding.	Storey.
High.	Stout.
Holland.	Sutton.
Hornaday.	Swain.
Jacks.	Turner.
Jones.	Van Zandt.
Justice.	Veatch.
Kemble.	Waddell.
Kennedy.	Walker.
King of	Wallace
Throckmorton.	of Freestone.
Kirkland.	Wallace of Panola.
Land.	Wallace of Smith.
Lipscomb.	Ware.
Loftin.	Wassell.
Long.	Webb.
Loy.	Wells.
Masterson.	Williamson.
McGill.	Woodall.
McKean.	Woodruff.
Merritt.	Young.
Montgomery.	

Nays—4.

Faulk.	Olsen.
McCombs.	Whitaker.

Present—Not Voting.

Kincaid.	Williams of Travis.
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Absent.

Barnett.	Bird.
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Dale.	Pavlica.
Denman.	Poage.
Dielmann.	Pool.
Duvall.	Purl.
Enderby.	Renfro of Mills.
Fly.	Satterwhite.
Hagaman.	Smith of Atascosa.
Harman.	Smith of El Paso.
Hefley.	Smyth.
Holder.	Taylor.
Kayton.	Teer.
King of Hopkins.	Williams
Minor.	of Sabine.
Murphy.	

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 240 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Mr. Speaker.	Justice.
Acker.	Kemble.
Alexander.	Kennedy.
Barron.	King of
Bass.	Throckmorton.
Beck.	Kirkland.
Black.	Land.
Boggs.	Lipscomb.
Boon.	Loftin.
Cornwell.	Long.
Cox.	Loy.
Cummings.	Masterson.
Daniel.	McGill.
Davis.	McKean.
Dunlap.	Merritt.
Durham.	Montgomery.
Enderby.	Moore.
Eickenroht.	Morse.
Farrar.	Moursund.
Finlay.	Nabors.
Forbes.	Nicholson.
Foster.	Olsen.
Fuchs.	Parish of Runnels.
Gates.	Parrish of Travis.
Gibson.	Petsch.
Gilbert.	Poage.
Graves.	Pope.
Gray.	Porter.
Hall.	Ramsey.
Harding.	Rawlins.
Hefley.	Renfro
High.	of Angelina.
Holland.	Rogers of Hays.
Jacks.	Rogers of Shelby.
Jones.	Rowell.

Runge.	Turner.
Sanders.	Van Zandt.
Shaver.	Veatch.
Shearer.	Waddell.
Sheats.	Walker.
Shirley.	Wallace
Simmons.	of Freestone.
Sinks.	Wallace of Panola.
Smith of Nueces.	Wallace of Smith.
Smith of Smith.	Ware.
Snelgrove.	Wassell.
Stell.	Webb.
Stevenson.	Wells.
Storey.	Whitaker.
Stout.	Williamson.
Sutton.	Woodall.
Swain.	Woodruff.
Taylor.	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

DeBerry.	McCombs.
Faulk.	Williams
Kincaid.	of Travis.

Absent.

Barnett.	Minor.
Bird.	Murphy.
Brown.	Pavlica.
Dale.	Pool.
Denman.	Purl.
Dielmann.	Renfro of Mills.
Duvall.	Satterwhite.
Fly.	Smith of Atascosa.
Hagaman.	Smith of El Paso.
Harman.	Smyth.
Holder.	Teer.
Hornaday.	Williams
Kayton.	of Sabine.
King of Hopkins.	

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 268 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Holland (by unanimous consent), the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create an additional criminal district court for the county of Harris; and to provide for district, jurisdiction and organization of, and procedure in said court; to provide for the transferring and docketing of cases and to

provide for the trial and disposition of causes during the absence of either judge; to provide for the appointment and election, qualification, jurisdiction, duties, powers and compensation of a judge thereof; to provide for a seal, and to provide for a sheriff, clerk and attorney thereof, and to provide for the appointment and pay of special deputy clerks, and an assistant district attorney; to fix the time for holding terms thereof, and to provide for jury service and empanelling of grand juries," etc.

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 268 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Holland moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 268 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

Mr. Speaker.	Masterson.
Acker.	McCombs.
Barron.	McGill.
Beck.	McKean.
Black.	Merritt.
Boggs.	Montgomery.
Brown.	Moore.
Cornwell.	Morse.
Cox.	Moursund.
Cummings.	Nabors.
Daniel.	Nicholson.
Dunlap.	Petsch.
Enderby.	Poage.
Farrar.	Pool.
Faulk.	Pope.
Fly.	Porter.
Forbes.	Purl.
Foster.	Ramsey.
Fuchs.	Rawlins.
Gates.	Renfro of Mills.
Graves.	Rogers of Hays.
Gray.	Rogers of Shelby.
Hagaman.	Rowell.
Hall.	Runge.
Harding.	Sanders.
Hefley.	Shaver.
Holland.	Shearer.
Jacks.	Sheats.
Jones.	Shirley.
Justice.	Sinks.
Kemble.	Smith of Nueces.
King of	Smith of Smith.
Throckmorton.	Stevenson.
Land.	Storey.
Lipscomb.	Stout.
Loftin.	Sutton.
Long.	Turner.

Van Zandt.	Wassell.
Waddell.	Webb.
Wallace	Wells.
of Freestone.	Williamson.
Wallace of Panola.	Woodall.
Wallace of Smith.	Woodruff.
Ware.	Young.

Nays—22.

Alexander.	Kirkland.
Bass.	Loy.
Boon.	Olsen.
Davis.	Parish of Runnels.
DeBerry.	Simmons.
Durham.	Snelgrove.
Eickenroht.	Stell.
Finlay.	Taylor.
Gibson.	Veatch.
High.	Walker.
Kincaid.	Whitaker.

Present—Not Voting.

Parrish of Travis.	Swain.
Renfro	Williams
of Angelina.	of Travis.

Absent.

Barnett.	King of Hopkins.
Bird.	Minor.
Dale.	Murphy.
Denman.	Pavlica.
Dielmann.	Satterwhite.
Duvall.	Smith of Atascosa.
Gilbert.	Smith of El Paso.
Harman.	Smyth.
Holder.	Teer.
Hornaday.	Williams
Kayton.	of Sabine.
Kennedy.	

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 268 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—85.

Mr. Speaker.	Cox.
Acker.	Cummings.
Barron.	Daniel.
Bass.	Dunlap.
Beck.	Enderby.
Brown.	Farrar.
Cornwell.	Faulk.

Fly.	Porter.
Forbes.	Purl.
Foster.	Ramsey.
Gates.	Rawlins.
Gilbert.	Renfro of Mills.
Graves.	Rogers of Hays.
Gray.	Rowell.
Hagaman.	Runge.
Hall.	Sanders.
Harding.	Shaver.
Hefley.	Shearer.
High.	Sheats.
Holland.	Shirley.
Hornaday.	Sinks.
Jones.	Smith of Nueces.
Justice.	Smith of Smith.
Kemble.	Snelgrove.
King of	Stevenson.
Throckmorton.	Storey.
Land.	Stout.
Lipscomb.	Sutton.
Long.	Turner.
Masterson.	Van Zandt.
McCombs.	Waddell.
McGill.	Walker.
McKean.	Wallace
Merritt.	of Freestone.
Montgomery.	Wallace of Panola.
Moore.	Wallace of Smith.
Morse.	Ware.
Moursund.	Wassell.
Nabors.	Wells.
Nicholson.	Whitaker.
Parish of Runnels.	Williamson.
Parrish of Travis.	Woodall.
Petsch.	Woodruff.
Poage.	Young.
Pope.	

Nays—17.

Alexander.	Kennedy.
Black.	Kincaid.
Boon.	Loy.
Davis.	Olsen.
Durham.	Simmons.
Eickenroht.	Stell.
Finlay.	Taylor.
Fuchs.	Veatch.
Gibson.	

Present—Not Voting.

Boggs.	Swain.
DeBerry.	Williams
Kirkland.	of Travis.
Renfro	
of Angelina.	

Absent.

Barnett.	Kayton.
Bird.	King of Hopkins.
Dale.	Loftin.
Denman.	Minor.
Dielmann.	Murphy.
Duvall.	Pavlica.
Harman.	Pool.
Holder.	Rogers of Shelby.
Jacks.	Satterwhite.

Smith of Atascosa. Webb.
 Smith of El Paso. Williams
 Smyth. of Sabine.
 Teer.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Kenyon.
Anderson.	Kinnear.
Avis.	Kirby.
Bateman.	Pearce.
Bonham.	Powell.
Branch.	Reagan.
Conway.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 28, "An Act amending Section 1 of an act passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature of Texas, and being Chapter 87 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, constituting and organizing Courts of Civil Appeals therein; creating the Twelfth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, with Wichita Falls as the site of said court; providing for the appointment and qualification of the judges of said Twelfth Supreme Judicial District and other officers thereof; providing for the transfer of cases and regulating appeals from the lower courts of the counties constituting said Twelfth Supreme Judicial District of Texas; making appropriation for the support of said court, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 17, "An Act to amend Article 1302, Chapter 1, of Title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to the purposes for which private corporations may be formed, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 89, so as to provide that corporations may be formed for the purpose of engaging in the poultry business and to buy and sell poultry of all kinds with the right to acquire and own all property necessary to conduct such business, and declaring an emergency."

RESIGNATION OF CHIEF CLERK.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication from C. L. Phinney:

House of Representatives,
 State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my resignation as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

At this time, I desire to express my deep feeling of appreciation to the members of the House of Representatives for their many courtesies and favors shown me during the past sessions of the Legislature.

Also, allow me to express my appreciation to you for the splendid spirit of friendship which you have shown me. Our cordial relations during the brief time I have served as Chief Clerk under your term of office as Speaker will always be a source of gratification to me. I shall cherish our friendship very highly, and I trust that some time in the future I may be able to repay you in a small measure for the many favors shown me.

Sincerely yours,
 CARL PHINNEY,
 Chief Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the resignation was accepted with regrets.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK.

The Speaker stated that nominations are in order for the election of a Chief Clerk.

Mr. Rawlins nominated Miss Louise Snow for Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Montgomery seconded the nomination of Miss Louise Snow.

Mr. Veatch moved that nominations be closed and that Miss Louise Snow be elected by acclamation.

RECESS.

Mr. Stevenson moved that the House recess to 1:30 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Kemble moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Question recurring on the motion of Mr. Kemble, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Stevenson, it prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., took recess to 1:30 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 1:30 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, House bill No. 59 was set as a special order for 2 o'clock p. m. next Tuesday.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being the election of a Chief Clerk, Miss Louise Snow having been nominated for the position, and Mr. Veatch having moved that nominations be closed and the House elect Miss Snow by acclamation.

Mr. Veatch withdrew his pending motion and seconded the nomination of Louise Snow.

Mr. Woodruff nominated A. C. Dunn.

Mr. Shirley nominated John T. Alexander.

Mr. Sheats nominated Hal Bourland.

Mr. Walker nominated W. S. Tomme.

Mr. Stout seconded the nomination of Louise Snow.

Mr. Acker seconded the nomination of Hal Bourland.

Mr. Alexander seconded the nomination of Louise Snow.

Mr. Purl seconded the nomination of Louise Snow.

Mr. Stevenson moved the previous question on the nominations for Chief Clerk, and the main question was ordered.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following tellers to take up and count the votes:

Messrs. Morse, Runge, Gibson, Nabors, Faulk and Rowell.

The votes being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

Louise Snow received 81 votes.

Hal Bourland received 23 votes.

W. S. Tomme received 10 votes.

John T. Alexander received 2 votes.

Louise Snow, having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Sheats, the entire vote of the House was cast for Louise Snow for Chief Clerk.

The Speaker then appointed the following committee to escort Miss Snow to the Speaker's stand for the purpose of administering the constitutional oath of office to her: Messrs. Jacks, Dunlap and Renfro of Mills.

The committee having performed their duty, Speaker Bobbitt then administered the constitutional oath of office to her.

RELATING TO LOBBYING.

Mr. Jacks offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It has come to the attention of members of the House that certain individuals and groups of individuals have organized lobbying interests in and around Austin, not to lobby for or against any particular interest, but that when any bill is introduced, whether it be for or against any particular interest, that such individuals, or groups of individuals send out letters or telegrams, seeking employment as lobbyists for or against such legislation and asking for payment of enormous fees; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives does hereby go on record as condemning such practice, and that the members of the House feel it their keen sense of duty to oppose discriminating legislation without the support or argument from such professional lobbyists who solicit employment, and does hereby ask the people of Texas to discourage such practice, that it welcomes information from those directly affected by legislation, but not from professional, employment seeking lobbyists who solicit such employment.

Signed—Pool, McGill, Jacks, Williamson, Petsch, Cummings, Dunlap, Woodruff, Barron, Webb, Stell, McCombs.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 169, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, Subdivision 23, page 96 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding the terms of district court in the Thirty-third Judicial District; to make all writs and process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court in several counties in said district, as herein

fixed; to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors under the present law so as to render them available under the act; to provide for the continuation of court in session in said district when this act takes effect, to the end of the term; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing an emergency."

Respectfully,
MORRIS C. HANKINS,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 169, "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, Subdivision 23, page 96 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 112, "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding the terms of district court in the Thirty-third Judicial District; to make all writs and process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court in several counties in said district, as herein fixed; to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors under the present law so as to render them available under this act; to provide for the continuation of court in session in said district when this act takes effect, to the end of the term; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing for an emergency."

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the House, at 6 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.
Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 169, "An Act to amend Title 8, Article 199, Section 1, subdivision 23, page 96 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding of the terms of district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 4, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 112, "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding the terms of district court in the Thirty-third Judicial District; to make all writs and process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court in several counties in said district, as herein fixed; to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors under the present law so as to render them available under this act; to provide for the continuation of court in session in said district when this act takes effect, to the end of the term; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing for an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

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(Saturday, February 5, 1927.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Kirkland:

H. B. No. 436, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 793 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for Texas for 1925, so as to provide that a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor and his punishment assessed at a fine and is unable to pay said fine and costs, he